## AHRQ HARM SCALE



## Patient Safety Program







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## AHRQ Common Formats Harm Scale Version 1.2 Effective October 2014

Death: Dead at the time of the assessment.

Severe Harm: Bodily or psychological injury (including pain or disfigurement) that interferes significantly with functional ability or quality of life.

Moderate Harm: Bodily or psychological injury adversely affecting functional ability or quality of life, but not at the level of severe harm.

Mild Harm: Bodily or psychological injury resulting in minimal symptoms or loss of function, or injury limited to additional treatment, monitoring, and/or increased length of stay.

No Harm: Event reached patient, but no harm was evident.

Near Miss: Event occurred but did not reach patient.

Unsafe Condition - Potential Event: Any circumstance that increase the probability of a patient safety event.

What is the anticipated duration of the harm to the patient?

Permanent: Patient is NOT expected to revert to approximately normal (i.e., patient's pre-event baseline).

Temporary: Patient IS expected to revert to approximately normal (i.e., patient's pre-event baseline).

Unknown: Unknown if patient will revert to approximately normal (i.e., patient's pre-event baseline).



